

Sterling

Connecticut

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Belongs to
Windham County
Danielson Labor Market Area
Northeast Economic Dev. Region
Northeastern Connecticut Planning Area

Incorporated in 1794

Demographics

				<i>Race/Ethnicity (1998)</i>			
<i>Population (1998)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1980	1,791	92,313	3,107,580	White	2,716	96,816	2,648,212
1990	2,357	102,525	3,287,116	Black	6	1,131	274,213
1998	2,804	105,074	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	23	1,128	73,304
2003	2,993	105,698	3,272,149	Native American	11	349	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	6.74%	0.59%	0.03%	Other	0	119	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	48	5,531	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	27.24	512.80	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	6.19%	8.03%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	102.94	204.90	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$17,390	\$19,067	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	948	37,859	1,229,087	High School Graduate	645	43.6%	648,366
Median Age (1997)	36.0	35.5	37.2	Some College	309	20.9%	495,696
				Bachelors or More	123	8.3%	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>							
	<i>0-4</i>	<i>5-17</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-49</i>	<i>50-64</i>	<i>65+</i>	<i>Total</i>
Male	105 8%	294 21%	118 8%	561 40%	177 13%	144 10%	1,399
Female	95 7%	273 19%	108 8%	550 39%	188 13%	191 14%	1,405
County Total	7,374 7%	19,288 18%	10,266 10%	39,269 37%	15,064 14%	13,813 13%	105,074
State Total	216,119 7%	550,400 17%	280,101 9%	1,257,928 38%	499,093 15%	467,598 14%	3,271,239

Economics

<i>Business Profile (1997)</i>					<i>Top Five Grand List (1997)</i>		
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Emp.</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Agriculture	5	5.9%	12	3.0%	Exeter Energy Limited Partnership	\$3,099,600	2.72%
Const. and Mining	20	23.5%	106	26.2%	Falls Creek Farm Corporation	\$1,302,890	1.14%
Manufacturing	12	14.1%	68	16.8%	Molodich Family Limited Partnership	\$460,480	0.40%
Trans. And Utilities	5	5.9%	43	10.6%	John H. McCann Jr.	\$359,678	0.32%
Trade	15	17.6%	44	10.9%	Willis G. Maynard	\$312,690	0.27%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	3	3.5%	10	2.5%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$114,046,246	
Services	23	27.1%	111	27.5%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	2	2.4%	10	2.5%	Sterling Public School System	Protech Computer Supply, Inc.	
Total	85	100.0%	404	100.0%	Apparel Manufacturing	Sterling Precision Machining, Inc.	
					Exeter Energy LP		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$5,498,652	\$30,837,967,729

Education

<i>1995-1996 School Year</i>				<i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</i>					
	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Grade 4</i>		<i>Grade 6</i>		<i>Grade 8</i>	
Total Students	389	461,203		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$7,764	\$8,300		Reading	27 55	54 60	70 64		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$42,986	\$48,598		Math	38 59	40 52	47 51		
Students Attending Public School	90.3%	89.2%		Writing	22 46	63 46	83 51		
Student/Teacher Ratio	13.4	14.5							
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	58.3%	75.8%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
High School Dropout Rate	8.7%	4.6%		Verbal		481	503		
<i>Average Class Size</i>				Math		494	499		
Kindergarten 20.0	Grade 2 21.5								
Grade 5 22.5	Grade 7 17.9	High School 22.1							

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$318,137
		As % of Expenditures	6.1%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$5,473,874	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$180,528,025
Tax Revenue	\$2,365,597	Per Capita	\$67,361
Non-tax Revenue	\$117,028	As % of State Average	86.4%
Intergovernmental	\$2,991,249	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/87
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$840	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	
As % of State Average	59.0%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	21.00
		Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	13.01
		% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	8.6%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	1,027	42,880	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	81.6%	65.0%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	18	909	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	24	323	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	20	411	20,713
As % Existing Units	2.34%	0.75%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	1	27	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	0	28	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	6	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	39	1,355	56,333	\$400,001 or More	0	2	4,036
Average Price	\$101,042	\$99,084	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$103,000	\$93,825	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	676	24,954	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	35.3%	36.4%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	49	5,189	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)		
Labor Force	1,515	55,776	1,723,300	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to	
Employed	1,393	52,071	1,635,400	1. Sterling	141	Plainfield 215
Unemployed	122	3,705	87,900	2. Plainfield	72	Killingly 162
Unemployment Rate	8.1%	6.6%	5.1%	3. Rhode Island	33	Sterling 141
Total Employment	380	34,800	1,581,700	4. Killingly	30	Rhode Island 101
Manufacturing	110	8,480	265,850	5. Griswold	17	Norwich 82
'92-'97 Growth Rate	22.6%	7.7%	4.3%	6. Windham	17	Groton 68
Daytime Population	492	42,607	1,740,247	7. Mansfield	8	Massachusetts 29
				8. Thompson	7	Windham 29
				9. Putnam	7	Griswold 27
				10. Manchester	5	Putnam 27

Quality of Life

Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities	
Banks (1997)	0	1,378	Total Volumes	14,806	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	3	756	Circulation Per Capita	12.0	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	2	1,651			1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate			Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0.358	0.099	Hartford	45	na
Crime Rate (1996)			Boston	59	na
Per 1,000 Residents	12.1	40	New York City	132	Water Provider
% Open Land (1990)	88.5%	68.8%	Providence	22	Municipal Provider
					Contact local provider
Hospitals (1997)	0	2			Cable Provider
Total Beds	0	234			Eastern CT Cable Television, Inc.
					860-739-5437